

REMARKS

Claims 27-37 are pending in this application. Claims 34-37 have been added in this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. Claims 34-37 are supported in the specification, including, for example, at page 26, which states that "[t]he invention also relates to the polypeptides derived from the translation of the nucleotide sequences (or *primers*) of the invention." (Specification, pages 26, lines 5-7; emphasis added.) The recitation in claims 34 and 35 regarding "a nucleotide sequence of a virus of the HIV-1 group that corresponds to any one of nucleotides . . ." can be found throughout the specification, including, for example, at page 3, lines 19-23. Thus, no new matter has been added.

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